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| Title: MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES |) | Our Ref. No.: 372.0 D2 |
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| LIPOPOLYSACCHARIDE BINDING |) | |
| PROTEIN (LBP) AND METHODS OF |) | |
| THEIR USE |) | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on April 14, 2004 issued in association with the above-captioned application.

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